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#### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of candor and good faith imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and means of complying therewith according to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are called to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. Copies of the cited references are enclosed

herewith and Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the cited references and make an independent evaluation of their materiality.

It is submitted that none of the cited references of record or now cited, either alone or in combination, disclose or render obvious that subject matter claimed in the present application. Applicant has also enclosed a copy of the foreign search report listing these references.

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Each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

Applicant does not believe that any fees are due in connection with this response. However, if such petition is due or any other fees are necessary, the Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees to deposit account 23-3000.

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Respectfully submitted,

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